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Memphis sites spared in floods

The Mississippi River rose Monday to levels not seen in Memphis since the 1930s, swamping homes in low-lying neighborhoods. But officials were confident the levees would protect the city's world-famous musical landmarks, including Graceland and Beale Street, and that no new areas would have any serious flooding.

— News, A7

Pakistan may have released spy's ID

Suspicion rose Monday that Pakistan's intelligence service leaked the name of the CIA chief in Islamabad to local media in anger over the raid that killed Osama bin Laden — the second outing of an American covert operative here in six months.

The U.S. said it has no plans to pull the spy chief. — World, A3

Gun laws in Capitol's sights

The Texas Senate voted to loosen gun laws in two locations: on campuses of public colleges and on their persons. A bill allowing concealed handgun license holders to carry at universities, as well as a measure that would keep senators armed at all times both go to the House.

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I'M SMILING BECAUSE...



"My finals are over."

LORI HORN
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Turgeon leaving Aggieland

Men's basketball coach takes Maryland job

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A gut feeling helped make a gut-wrenching decision for Mark Turgeon, who stepped down Monday after four years as the Texas A&M men's basketball coach to take an identical position at the University of Maryland.

"Maryland has a great basketball tradition. [The schools] are real similar. It's a gut feeling. Both programs are great,"

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Robert Cessna says Turgeon's exit shouldn't hurt program. Read more on Sports, C1.

Turgeon said. "I'm very fortunate, a blessed person to have a choice that I had to make today."

It was obviously not an easy decision for the 46-year-old Turgeon, who repeatedly discussed how hard it was to

leave his players, all of whom starting next year would have been his recruits.

"These guys have done everything I've asked for four years and we've had a great ride," Turgeon said. "No. 1, I'm going to miss the players, and right now they are so mad at me, and you can't blame them, and hopefully in time they'll get over it and know I won't be their coach

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Mark Turgeon, Texas A&M's head basketball coach for four seasons, announced Monday that he is leaving the program to accept the head coaching job at the University of Maryland.

Eagle file photo by Dave McDermand

Grass fires follow Texas trend



A lone figure tries to put out a hot spot. Behind him is nothing but the smoldering, blackened fields of a 100-acre grass fire off Dilly Shaw Tap Road in Brazos County on Monday.

Eagle photo by Dave McDermand

Drought descends on Southwest

By BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — With much of the nation focused on a spring marked by historic floods and deadly tornadoes, Texas and parts of several surrounding states are suffering through a drought nearly as punishing as some of the world's driest deserts.

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Two blazes put out in Brazos County

Eagle Staff Report

Volunteer firefighters worked with the assistance of the Bryan Fire Department for more than seven hours Monday in north Brazos County to contain two grass fires, according to authorities.

At about 12:30 p.m., crews were called out to a 100-acre grass fire at Dilly Shaw Tap near Lilly Dairy, officials said.

Around 4 p.m., shortly after the first fire was contained, firefighters were called to a second grass fire that had broken out on Wellhead Lane and Standing Rock Road and had spread across Alexander Road, authorities said.

A Texas Forest Service helicopter was called to assist in the first fire, and bulldozers were used to stop it from spreading, officials said.

Officials said.

Bryan Fire Chief Mike Donoho said that one small building was involved, but he had not heard of other structures being threatened.

Volunteer firefighters from Brazos County Precincts 2 and 3 led the response.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused either fire.

The blazes came on a scorching day in the Brazos Valley. Bryan-College Station set a high temperature record at 99 degrees. The previous high for May 9 was set in 1937 when the temperature reached 95 degrees.

Tuesday's high is expected to be 95 degrees. A 20 percent chance of rain on Tuesday will increase to 30 percent on Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Woman guilty in crash

Officer injured by intoxicated driver

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Tracy Sheets was surrounded by supporters immediately after the injured College Station police officer learned that a jury had returned a guilty verdict against a 23-year-old woman who crashed into her patrol car.

Alex Taylor Ford slammed the Maserati she was driving at 80 mph into Sheets' vehicle around 3 a.m. on Jan. 10, 2010.



FORD

As a result of the accident, Sheets suffered a fractured right ankle, fractured hip and a dislocated hip bone.

Witnesses testified she will never be able to walk or run like she could prior to the crash, and she will not be able to resume her duties as a patrol officer.

After five days of testimony, it took a Brazos County jury about two-and-a-half hours to decide Ford was guilty of intoxication assault.

Ford faces two to 20 years behind bars and a \$10,000 fine.

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Strawser stands firm on 'solutions'

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Texas A&M needs to be more aggressive in its response to statements made by a conservative think tank that's advocated a series of higher education reform ideas, the outgoing Faculty Senate speaker said Monday during his

"state of the senate" speech.

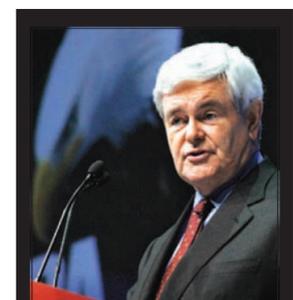
The address in May usually is a recap of the past year's events, but Bob Strawser's farewell remarks zeroed in on the elephant in the room: the Texas Public Policy Foundation's "seven breakthrough solutions" to higher education.

"I think we need to be ready to respond, but I'm not sure exactly how

that ought to be done," Strawser said. "We can't give these people credibility, but when they say things that are wrong and we know they're wrong, I think we need to call that to their attention."

Strawser pointed out an example of a group member during a debate two

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Newt Gingrich makes it official: He's running for president. See page A10 for more.